

SECOND DRAFT
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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2020
in Clunbury Village Hall at 6.30pm.**

PRESENT

Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Bailey, Cllr D Hill, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr M Jones.
Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.
6 members of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Davies assumed the Chair for this meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr P Harding, Cllr N Morgan.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23.7.20

Approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Clunton brook. The site meeting with Andrew Keyland, District Surveyor, had not yet taken place, although work was scheduled to clear out under the main road bridge and probably the bridge at Gunridge as well. Dredging was not always the answer. Clerk to contact the Environmental Agency to see if they have any responsibility for the brook, and also confirm with Mr Keyland what work was planned.

Smartwater initiative. Cllr Hill said this was not a good time to be knocking on people's doors to ask whether they would be interested in joining the scheme and it would be difficult to achieve the required 80% takeup for free participation. The scheme would run until March 2021 and Cllr Hill recommended this be put on hold at present. Agreed.

CLIMATE ADVISORY GROUP

Tom Wall asked from the floor whether the Parish Council was now happy with the proposed letter to be circulated in the parish suggesting environmental schemes such as tree planting. This was approved and the letter would be sent out with the October Parish Post under the Parish Council Chairman's name.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

Legal access. The Vice Chairman said there were two aspects to this. The Parish Council purchased the burial ground from the Trustees of the Methodist Church in 1994 at which time the legal access was across the garden of The Villa (now Whimberry House) on both the Conveyance and the Land Registry title document. The path along the western edge of the burial ground was not included in the Definitive Map when it was created in the 1950's and had been a permissive path only. However, two members of the parish were taking steps to have it added to the Definitive Map and this process was presently en train. The white lane went from the Methodist Church to Gunridge, although it was badly overgrown and currently impassable.

Hay meadow trial. The Vice Chairman declared an interest as he had been maintaining the burial ground for 20 years, and this year had trialled the formation of a hay meadow to encourage wild flowers. Although this had been a success, some complaints had been received by people who thought the area should be kept "manicured" and one person had offered to maintain the burial ground to this standard. As a compromise, the Vice Chairman proposed that the centre section of the burial ground (25%) be managed as a hay meadow, and the outer sections (75%) be kept manicured. This was approved unanimously, and it was suggested that Cllr Morgan be asked to have an input as he was involved with the Climate Advisory Group.

Safety of Burial Ground memorials. Cllr Davies had carried out the 5-yearly inspection of the memorials and confirmed that they were all in a safe condition.

PLANNING

Application No. 20/02639/FUL. Agricultural vehicular access and bridge at Clunton Farmhouse. This had been received between meetings and a response of No Objection made, with the comment that the bridge should be restricted to access for agricultural vehicles and foot traffic only. Also a request made that any hedge which was removed should be replaced nearby.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin. Shropshire Council had not met in person and most people were working from home. There were issues with road conditions and flooding. Several trees had been blown down in Clunton Coppice. There were still financial problems but the Council was just about solvent.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Flooding. The soil, etc which had been deposited on the main road in Clunton had been removed promptly when reported. Andrew Keyland, Divisional Surveyor, was aware that the drains were blocked and would address this shortly.

ROADS

Radar speed signs. Presently awaiting posts to be installed by Shropshire Council.

The Road Safety Trust. Grants were available for projects to make UK roads safer. After discussion it was decided that Kempton would benefit most from any available grant. Clerk asked that any projects be sent to her to collate the application.

Road conditions. Still unsatisfactory.

Street lights. All working fine.

Proposed speed limit changes on the B4385 Twitchen. Councillors unanimously approved the proposed plans from Shropshire Council.

Sign at bottom of Redwood Lane. Many thanks to Cllr Morgan who had made an excellent sign which would undoubtedly help delivery drivers.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence nor any emails for discussion.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£3,200.91
Business Savings account	£1,323.20
Sports & Leisure account	£396.23.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary - July and August)	£381.34
Clunbury Village Hall (hire for meetings)	£48.00.

PARISH COUNCIUL MANAGEMENT

Website. Cllr Hill was moving to Clun and wanted to discontinue running the parish website. An IT Consultant in Twitchen was keen to take this on but wanted to make changes to upgrade the website. A 3-year deal would cost £165. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that Cllr Hill should accept this arrangement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Review of Clerk's salary. The Chairman and Cllr Harding were presently unwell and so it was decided to postpone this until a future date. The salary review would be back dated to 1st April 2020.

Casual Vacancy. The two candidates had been interviewed and a decision would be made over the weekend.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lane by Methodist chapel. Mr Bay mentioned from the floor that although he had maintained the drainage on the lane for some years, the cast iron pipe had now collapsed and needed to be replaced. The damage had been excacerbated by heavy tractors, etc using the lane. Mr Andrew Keyland to be asked to make a site visit during his planned visit to Clunton.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th November 2020 in Clunbury village hall at 7.30pm Cllr Hill to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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